Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 11 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Saturday 12 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 10 Dec 2020 at 16:40 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable weather pattern to continue over the weekend and into next week.

Headline for Friday 11 Dec 2020: Mainly ranges will be dry with bright spells. Rain and sleet over Caithness hills.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 11 Dec 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
50%	40%	30%	30%	00%	40%	40%	50%

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Weather: Overnight rain mostly clearing to leave a lot of dry weather on Friday. Clouds lifting and breaking a little too. There may be a few light showers over Skye and persistent rain will affect the Caithness hills.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% with the clouds lifting above many of the tops. However still extensive hill fog in north.

Visibility: Generally good but patches of poor visibility over hills near West Coast and also in the northeast.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	38/43 SE	39/46 SE	32/38 SE	28/33 SE	24/29 SE	22/27 SE	19/24 SE	19/24 E	20/26 E
900	33/39 SE	35/42 SE	27/33 SE	25/31 SE	22/27 SE	20/25 SE	18/23 SE	19/24 E	20/26 E
600	24/30 SE	24/32 SE	20/26 SE	19/25 SE	17/22 SE	16/21 SE	14/19 SE	15/20 SE	15/21 E
300	2/23 SE	5/25 SE	5/21 E	5/18 E	5/16 E	6/18 E	6/15 E	6/16 E	6/17 E
Glen	11/24 SE	14/28 SE	14/24 E	12/18 E	9/14 E	11/16 E	10/14 E	11/15 E	12/17 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	0/-9	0/-9	0/-8	0/-7	1/-6	1/-6	1/-5	1/-6	0/-6
900	1/-7	1/-7	1/-6	1/-6	2/-5	1/-5	1/-4	1/-5	1/-5
600	3/-3	3/-3	4/-2	4/-2	4/-0	4/-1	4/-0	4/-1	3/-2
300	5/4	5/3	5/3	4/2	5/3	4/2	4/2	4/1	4/1
Glen	8/5	8/4	8/4	8/5	8/6	8/5	7/4	7/4	7/4
Freezing Level*	1300m	1400m	1400m	1400m	1400m	1300m	1300m	1300m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Strong winds combined with temperatures around freezing will make it feel bitterly cold.

Forecast for Saturday 12 Dec 2020
Weather: A mostly cloudy day with still a lot of dry weather but there will be patchy light rain with any snow above 1000m, mostly over eastern parts.

Maximum wind: Much lighter winds on the tops, mainly southeasterly at only 10 to 15mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%, mostly over hills towards West Coast. Extensive cloud cover around 500 to 600m with patches lower down.

Visibility: Generally misty conditions and very poor in rain. Pockets of good visibility over hills towards West Coast.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius rising to 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1200m

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